Allocation of funds for repair of roads

286. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Orissa during a meeting with him has requested for higher allocation of funds for repair of roads, especially in the mineral belt and he had promised for higher allotment to address this issue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating the additional amount that has been released or proposed to be released to the State in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The allocation for National Highway (Original) works has been enhanced to Rs. 130.0 crore from original allocation of Rs. 85.00 crore. Similarly, the allocation against Flood Damage Repair (FDR) has also been enhanced to Rs. 9.5 crore from original allocation of Rs. 3.00 crore.

Repair of Cuttack-Paradip Road

287. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Cuttack-Paradip road needs immediate repairs to control road accidents;

(b) whether Government is also aware that on account of paucity of funds, the State Government is not able to make much headway in the matter; and

(c) if so, the action plan of the Centre to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Cuttack-Paradeep road is a State road. Government of Orissa is improving this road to 10.0m wide concrete pavement for an aggregate length of 82 km. for about Rs. 130.0 crore with different sources of funds. Ministry's Share is Rs. 26.46 crore sanctioned under Central Road Fund (CRF) for about 16.35 km. length and balance is to be financed by M/s Paradip Port Trust, Indian Oil Corporation, Orissa Mining Corporation and State Government of Orissa. The work is in progress and there is no shortage of funds against CR work sanctioned by this Ministry.

Ship-building factory in Orissa

288. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set-up a ship-building factory in Orissa under private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter alia,* indicating the time-frame within which it would be completed and operationalized; and